

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 7 and 13 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1, 7 and 13 remain pending in this application.

Request for entry of After-final Amendment and Reply:

It is respectfully requested that this after-final Amendment and Reply be considered and entered, since it is believed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 7 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,332,170 to Ban in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,549,300 to Motamed et al. This rejection is traversed with respect to the presently pending claims, for at least the reasons given below.

Presently pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13 recite, among other things, “(iv) causing, in the case where printing is suspended in accordance with a user’s instruction or occurrence of a jam during implementation of the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper, the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper to be re-implemented, or printing to be continued from the suspended printing, and (v) enabling the user to execute test

printing for the tabbed paper, check an actual print output on the tabbed paper, and adjust print positions relative to the tab, in the case where the user designates "NO" for deletion of the print jobs for tabbed paper by operating the inputting portion, after the print jobs for tabbed paper are implemented, or the print jobs including the print jobs for tabbed paper are re-implemented, or the printing is continued from the suspended printing".

According to these features recited in presently pending independent claims 1, 7 and 13, especially the underlined features, in addition to the advantages stated in the response filed in reply to the previous Official Action, the following advantage is obtained: after occurrence of a jam or suspension of printing, designation for printing and that for deletion can be carried out, thus further improving the convenience (see specification, page 37, lines 5 to 9).

On the other hand, neither Ban nor Motamed teaches or suggests the features of the amended claims 1, 7 and 13, especially the above underlined features.

Therefore, presently pending claims 1, 7 and 13 are patentable over the cited art of record.

Still further, there is no motivation for a person with ordinary skill in the art to combine Ban and Motamed in order to achieve the subject matter of the amended claims 1, 7 and 13. Also, as discussed above, even if Ban and Motamed can be combined, the subject matter of the amended claims cannot be achieved even by such a combination.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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